

REMARKS

This Reply is being submitted supplemental to the Reply filed March 26, 2004. Claims 1-21, 31-40, 50, and 53-57 are pending in this application after this Amendment. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview conducted on May 18, 2004. During the interview, the parties agreed that the amendments made in the Reply filed March 26, 2004, overcome the outstanding 35 U.S.C. § 112 rejections. The Examiner further indicated that based upon the amendments to the claims, a new search will be conducted.

By this Amendment, Applicants are adding new claims 53-57. Applicants respectfully request consideration of these claims.

With regard to the Examiner's rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hecht (USP 6,594,406), Applicants maintain their position that this reference fails to render the pending claims obvious. For example, with regard to claim 1, the present invention as set forth in the claim recites, *inter alia*, a global information management system comprising a position-coding pattern wherein the total set of positions coded by the position-coding pattern specifies unique positions on an area greater than the area of any practically useable base. As noted in

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the Reply filed March 26, 2004, Hecht fails to teach or suggest this claim element.

The invention as set forth in Hecht provides for a multi-level selection method and apparatus using context identification for embedded data graphical user interfaces. Specifically, Hecht teaches determining positions by calculating a phase difference of the maximal bit length sequences. These phase differences are used to determine relative positions between the X-axis and the Y-axis in the address space. These phase shifts only provide a relative measure with respect to some particular reference point. There is no teaching or suggestion in Hecht that provides for a position-coding pattern which specifies unique positions. Based upon the above, it is respectfully submitted that Hecht fails to render the claims obvious.

Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisinet (Reg. No. 52,327) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees

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required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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